(c) whether Government are considering of allowing more companies in the private sector for oil exploration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and Yes, Sir. , In order to supplement the Oil exploration activities of the two national oil Cos. *viz.* ONGC / OIL, Govt. of India had in 1986 invited bids from foreign oil Cos.

As a result of this invitation, Production Sharing Contracts for oil exploration in nine offshore blocks were signed with the foreign oil Cos. as under:—

Name of block	Name of company(ies) with whom contract signed
1. KG-OS-I	Chevron International Ltd. & Texaco Exploration India Inc.
2. KG-OS-VII	— do —
3. MN-OS-I	— do —
4. P-OS-II	— do —
5. KG-OS-IV	International Petroleum (Bermuda) Ltd.
6. KK-OS-VI	BHP Petroleum (India) Inc.
7. KK-OS-II	Shell India Production Development B.V.
8. KK-OS-IV	— do —
9. KG-OS-V	Amoco India Petroleum Co.

All the Cos. have started oil exploration work in their respective blocks

(c) An exercise has been initiated to decide if areas can again be offered for exploration by private oil companies.

Move to debar Parliament from Discussing the Performance of Public Sector Units

1964. SHRI P.K. KUNJACHEN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a move to debar Parliament from discussing performance of public sector units and their working; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) No, Sir. There is no move to debar Parliament from discussing performance of Public Sector Units and their working.

(b) Does not arise.

Installation of Water Treatment Plants by DESU

1965. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:
SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DESU was twice ordered by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate during 1987 and 1988 to instal water treatment plants in the Indraprastha Power Plant Complex to treat the toxic affluents flowing in the Yamuna river in the capital; and

(b) if so, whether these orders have since been carried out and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) filed an application under Section 33 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, on 15.4.1987 against DESU in the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Delhi. Following the reply